

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method of forming a protection film of a safety valve element for a battery comprising a metal substrate having ~~perforated pores~~ a hole extending therethrough and a metal foil laminated on said metal substrate so as to cover said ~~perforated pores~~ hole, wherein an organic coating is coated on at least one side of ~~it~~ said metal foil.

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2. (currently amended) A method of forming a protection film of a safety valve element for a battery comprising a metal substrate having ~~perforated pores~~ a hole extending therethrough and a metal foil laminated on said metal substrate so as to cover said ~~perforated pores~~ hole, wherein an organic resin film is laminated on at least one side of ~~it~~ said metal foil.

3. (currently amended) A method of forming a protection film of a safety valve element for a battery comprising a metal substrate having ~~perforated pores~~ a hole extending therethrough and a metal foil laminated on said metal substrate so as to cover said ~~perforated pores~~ hole, wherein an organic coating is coated on at least one side of covering portions of said metal foil.

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4. (currently amended) A method of forming a protection film of a safety valve element for a battery, wherein an organic coating is coated on a safety valve element for a battery comprising a metal substrate having ~~perforated pores~~ a first hole extending therethrough and a metal foil laminated ~~in~~ to said metal substrate so as to cover said ~~perforated pores~~ first hole after said safety valve element for a battery is applied on a closing plate for a battery container having a ~~perforated pore~~ second hole extending through said closing plate which is to be a valve opening of a safety valve so that said ~~perforated pores~~ first hole of said metal substrate of safety valve element for a battery and said ~~perforated pore~~ second hole of said closing plate are connected through, and said metal substrate and said closing plate are adhered together ~~using adhering means~~ so that both adhere around said ~~perforated pore~~ second hole of said closing plate.

5. (currently amended) A method of forming a protection film of a safety valve element for a battery according to claim 4, wherein said adhering ~~means~~ together of said metal substrates and said closing plate is carried out by laser beam welding.

6. (currently amended) A safety valve element for a battery comprising a metal substrate having ~~perforated pores~~ a first hole extending therethrough and a metal foil laminated on said metal substrate so as to cover said ~~perforated pores~~ first hole, wherein a protection film is covered on at least one side of said safety valve element for a battery.

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7. (currently amended) A safety valve element for a battery comprising a metal substrate having ~~perforated pores~~ a first hole extending therethrough and a metal foil laminated on said metal substrate so as to cover said ~~perforated pores~~ first hole, wherein a protection film is covered on at least one side of covering portions of said metal foil of a safety valve element for a battery.

8. (currently amended) A safety valve element for a battery according to claim 6, wherein said protection film is a continuous coated film of an organic coating.

9. (currently amended) A safety valve element for a battery according to claim 6, wherein said protecting film is a an uncut laminated film of an organic resin film.

10. (currently amended) A closing plate, wherein said safety element for a battery according to claim 6 is applied on a closing plate for a battery container having a

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~~perforated pore~~ second hole extending through said closing plate which is to be a valve opening of a safety valve so that said ~~perforated pores~~ first hole of said metal substrate of safety valve element for a battery and said ~~perforated pore~~ second hole of said closing plate are connected through, and said metal substrate and said closing plate are adhered together ~~using adhering means~~ so that both adhere around said ~~perforated pore~~ second hole of said closing plate.

11. (currently amended) A closing plate, wherein said ~~a~~ safety element for a battery comprising a metal substrate having ~~perforated pores~~ a first hole extending therethrough and a metal foil laminated on said metal substrate so as to cover said ~~perforated pores~~ first hole is applied on a closing plate for a battery container having a ~~perforated pore~~ second hole extending through said closing plate which is to be a valve opening of a safety valve so that said ~~perforated pores~~ first hole of said metal substrate of safety valve element for a battery and said ~~perforated pore~~ second hole of said closing plate are connected through, and said metal substrate and said metal closing plate are adhered together ~~using adhering means~~ so that both adhere around said ~~perforated pore~~ second hole of said closing plate, and after that an organic coating is coated on said safety valve element for a battery.

12. (currently amended) A closing plate according to claim 10, wherein said adhering ~~means~~ together of said metal substrates and said closing plate is carried out by laser beam welding.

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14. (previously added) A safety valve element for a battery according to claim 7, wherein said protection film is a coated film of organic coating.

15. (previously added) A safety valve element of a battery according to claim 14, wherein said protecting film is a laminated film of an organic resin film.

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17. (currently added) A closed battery, wherein an electrode comprising a positive electrode, a negative electrode and a separator is packed with electrolyte into a battery container and opening portion of said battery container is closed so that said ~~a~~-closing plate for battery according to claim 16 is put into and fixed around inner circumference of said opening portion of said battery container.

CS 18. (currently added) A closed battery, wherein an electrode comprising a positive electrode, a negative electrode and a separator is packed with electrolyte into a battery container and opening portion of said battery container is closed so that said ~~a~~-closing plate for battery according to claim 11 is put into and fixed around inner circumference of said opening portion of said battery container.

19. (currently amended) A closing plate, wherein said safety valve element for a battery according to claim 8 is applied on a closing plate for a battery container having a perforated-pore second hole extending through said closing plate which is to be a valve opening of a safety valve so that said perforated-pores first hole of said metal substrate of safety valve element for a battery and said ~~perforated-pore~~

second hole of said closing plate are connected through, and said metal substrate and said closing plate are adhered together using ~~adhering means~~ so that both adhere around said ~~perforated pore~~ second hole of said closing plate.

CS 20. (currently amended) A closing plate, wherein said safety valve element for a battery according to claim 9 is applied on a closing plate for a battery container having a ~~perforated pore~~ second hole extending through said closing plate which is to be a valve opening of a safety valve so that said ~~perforated pores~~ first hole of said metal substrate of safety valve element for a battery and said ~~perforated pore~~ second hole of said closing plate are connected through, and said metal substrate and said closing plate are adhered together using ~~adhering means~~ so that both adhere around said ~~perforated pore~~ second hole of said closing plate.
